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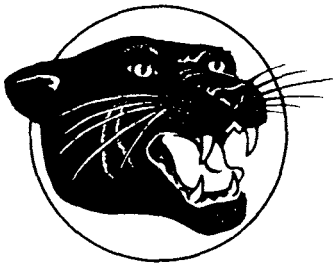
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CHARLESTON, IL--Melanie Hatfield of Lawrenceburg, IN has signed a basketball scholarship to attend Eastern Illinois University this fall, according to head coach Barbara 'Bobbie' Hilke.

"We are very excited to have Melanie sign with us," Hilke said. "She is definitely a team player . . . Melanie has a nice shooting touch.

"In our recruiting this year, guards were not our priority, however we will graduate three next year, Nancy Kassebaum, Kathy Lanter and Kelly Waldrup. We feel Hatfield will help us and look forward to working with her," Hilke concluded.

Hatfield, a 5-6 guard, averaged 19.2 points and 12 rebounds per game last season for Coach Glen Crocker's Tigers. She scored a season-high 32 points against Greensburg in the 10th game of the campaign.

She was named Associated Press All-State Honorable Mention and to the 11-member Indiana High School All-Star team.

"A friend who attends Illinois State recommended Eastern and said I would like it there," said Hatfield.

Hatfield is the second basketball recruit. Susan Hynd (Ottawa) previously signed in late March.

Hatfield is the daughter of Ronald and Carol Utley (et-lee) of Lawrenceburg, IN.